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Applicant : F. BAO et al.  
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For : A METHOD OF EXCHANGING DIGITAL DATA

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, line 1, please delete "or claim 2".

In claim 5, line 1, please change "any of the preceding claims" to ---claim 1---.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees in the above-identified patent application.

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